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1. The Mechanik Plant, the former Seidel and Naumann Plant, but now an enterprise of the VVB (Z) Mechanik, is at 19 Hamburgerstrasse in Dresden A 5. It is on the highway running from Dresden to Meissen (N 52/F 09) on the western side of the Elbe River near the Dresden-Friedrichstadt railroad station.* Up to 1945 the plant was a private corporation. During the war the plant was converted to the production of small arms ammunition and sight equipments. In 1943 about 70 percent of the plant installations were destroyed in an air raid, and the remainder was dismantled by the Soviets after 1945. After its expropriation late in 1945 the plant was owned by the Land Saxony. When the nationalized enterprises were reorganized in 1949 the plant became an enterprise of the VVB (Z) Mechanik.
2. Before its destruction, the plant covered an area of about 1,200 x 400 meters. The area of the reconstructed plant is about 500 x 400 meters. The workshop building is a three-story structure. The machinery of the plant has a comparatively high capacity because for the most part new machines were set up when the plant was reconstructed. Power is supplied through the Land network system.
3. Portable typewriters of "Erika" type are produced. ** The monthly capacity is about 400 to 500 units. Up to 1948 the typewriters were provided with Russian letters and shipped as reparations to the U.S.S.R. Eighty percent of the production has been exported to Western Germany and to the satellite countries since 1949. Most of the raw materials have to be imported. However, the Ministry of Industry regularly allocates the necessary raw materials to the plant because the plant exports contribute considerably to the improvement of the hard currency account of the Soviet Zone of Germany.
4. In December 1950, 500 workers were employed in the plant including 60 employed in the administration and 15 in the technical management and the designing office. Piece work is done.

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** [Redacted] According to other reports of late in 1949, the plant has allegedly also resumed its production of sewing machines.

1 Annex: 1 sketch on ditto

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